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ALUMNAE BULLETIN

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Dean Bixler, holding a box of the Y.S.N. souvenir napkins, contemplates her future visits to regional groups

It would be fine if all of us could be together on February 5, but for that larger number who probably cannot return to New Haven, the second part of our celebration is being provided. Miss Bixler will visit many of the regional groups.

Because of her limited time, the geographical locations, and transportation problems of our graduates, only the divisions in which the majority are located can be visited in February and March.

Chairmen as listed on the following page are being asked to make arrangements for the Dean's visit in the cities designated in the itinerary. It is planned that each

alumna will receive individual notification from her chairman, confirming the date, time and place of meeting.

For those outside the boundaries of regional groupings, letters will be forthcoming relating to possible places of meeting, and you will also be provided with the names of graduates and former faculty who, according to our records, are residing nearest to you.

Since most of the returning alumnae will be from nearby states, visits to a few eastern groups will be deferred until late spring.

TO Y.S.N. — A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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PROGRAM OF THE ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES

Historical Library of the
School of Medicine

333 Cedar Street
New Haven, Connecticut

February 5, 1949 Three o'clock

President Charles Seymour will preside
Addresses:

"Dreams and Awakenings"—Charles-Edward Amory Winslow, Anna M. R. Lauder Professor Emeritus of Public Health, Yale University.

"The Nursing Profession and the Layman"—Mrs. August Belmont, Honorary Master of Arts, Yale University, 1948.

"The Future of Nursing"—Alan Gregg, Director, The Medical Sciences, The Rockefeller Foundation.

"Problems of the Early Years of the School of Nursing"—James Rowland Angell, President Emeritus of Yale University.

Exhibitions Cushing Rotunda

Tea will be served at four-thirty o'clock in the Beaumont Room.

Due to the proximity of February 5 to February 22, again designated by the University as Alumni Day, the School of Nursing thought it better to concentrate efforts on program planning and the attention of our Alumnae on the former date. This means we are NOT planning another program for February 22 this year.

WELCOME!

Come gather 'round all you Y.S.N. alumnae and help celebrate the grand twenty-fifth anniversary of our School on the fifth of February! All roads will lead to New Haven then, and we want to anticipate ways which will make it easier for you to plan to be here.

If you're coming from distant places and would like to stay in New Haven Friday or Saturday night, possibly both nights, just let us know, and we'll try to find a place for you. Rooms will be available at the homes of nearby alums and at the student dormitories so that you won't have to pitch a tent on the Green.

Maybe you are wondering about whether to bring little Johnnie and Susie on Saturday? If you are, don't give it another thought as we plan to have a play room available at the Betsy Ross Nursery School where the children can be busy while you chat with old friends at tea. The school is located near the hospital, and will be open from two-thirty to six Saturday afternoon. From ten to twelve Saturday morning there will be Open House in Brady corridor with coffee and doughnuts in the Seminar Room.

Miss Hyder, our obstetrical supervisor, has arranged that small groups of alumnae can be taken on a tour through the Rooming-In units, which have been so widely publicized. Tours will be at ten-thirty a.m. and one-thirty p.m. Saturday—let us know which time you prefer. Everyone is cordially invited.

A festive repast will be set before you at the Faculty Club Saturday evening. The price of the dinner will be \$2.50, so, save your pennies, ladies, for the gala affair. There will be informal entertainment, and Miss Chloe Lanfare '86, the oldest living graduate of the Connecticut Training School will be honored. In order to make our anniversary celebration a complete success, we must hear from all of you alumnae who plan to attend. January 27 is the absolute deadline for the arrangement of all plans. Please do come if you possibly can—we hope to have a wonderful celebration!

THE DEAN'S ITINERARY

On February 14, 1949 you may begin to dust off the red carpet prior to Dean Bixler's arrival to visit you. She leaves New Haven on that date, and according to the planned itinerary will be in the following cities on these dates: (names of chairmen included)

- February 14—Hanover
Mrs. Walter Swoboda
Norwich, Vermont
- February 16—Syracuse
Miss Esther Budd
736 Irving Avenue
Syracuse 10, New York
- February 17—Detroit
Miss Patricia Walsh
2331 Frenwood Avenue
Pittsfield Village, Ann Arbor, Mich.
- February 18—Chicago
Mrs. Stanley Rasmussen
9602 Moxie Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
- February 19—Minneapolis
Mrs. George C. Power
1801 Goodrich Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota
- February 22—Seattle
Mrs. Edward B. Speir
3615 East Pine Street
Seattle, Washington
- February 25—San Francisco
Mrs. Terrill E. Price
8 Panoramic Place
Berkeley 4, California
- February 26—Los Angeles
Mrs. Robert W. Huntington, Jr.
1585 Foothill Boulevard
Altadena, California
- March 1—Denver
Miss Gertrude Roberts
1462 Wolff Street
Denver, Colorado
- March 4—Columbus
Mrs. George L. Bruchler
North Fairfield, Ohio
- March 5—Cleveland
Miss Marcella Brown
13415 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland 20, Ohio
- March 6—Pittsburgh
Miss Pauline Keefe
Municipal Hospital
Terrace and Darrgh Street
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Charlotte Perkins Charbeneau '46

Dean Bixler hopes to tour the land the next few months, we understand, to visit all the regionals composed of Y.U.S.N. gals, who even now sit up quite late and rack their brains and meditate what they can do for Y.S.N. now that her birthday's come again—this year she's really twenty-five—still growing and still alive.

If you should need suggestions wild (things you might give this favorite child) as in your groups you cogitate the grandest way to celebrate, the following are guaranteed to more than amply fill your need:

- For Sterling Dormitory:
 - A grand piano
 - Large Oriental rugs
 - Paintings
 - Small iceboxes for the floors
- For both dormitories:
 - China
 - Tea linen
 - Silver or brass tea tray, tea service, candlesticks, etc.
 - Victrola-radio combinations
- For Sterling Infirmary:
 - Small radios
 - Chintz for chairs and hangings
- For Y.U.S.N.:
 - A new dormitory with swimming pool
 - Endowment for more ward instructors
 - Travel assistance for student to I.C.N. Conference in Sweden, June 1949
 - Additions to Annie Warburton Goodrich Fund

Miss Bixler, when she meets with you, will gladly tell you what to do to send your gift the shortest way to Y.S.N. and have it stay. Good luck, good friends, your gift select, and ample funds your zeal collect!

Career editors from Charm, Seventeen, Mademoiselle, and other similar publications will be in New Haven February 5. Upper class student nurses are enthusiastically preparing a special program to introduce them to the life and work of student nurses at Yale. These representatives will be guests of the students and faculty preceding the exercises in the library.

HOW WE CAME — Chapter II

Elizabeth Grigg '45W

It was decided to require the Yale examination for admission to the Yale School of Nursing, and eventually the degree of Bachelor of Nursing was conferred upon all students who qualified. Western Reserve also initiated a similar program and both schools watched each other eagerly. Looking back on the School's modest beginnings, Miss Goodrich aptly says, "Don't imagine there aren't always hurdles to take!"

Even at the outset, the Yale School of Nursing had a remarkable faculty. Miss Effie Taylor was Associate Professor in the School and Superintendent of Nursing in the hospital, Miss Harmer, author of "The Principles and Practice of Nursing," was Assistant Professor of Nursing Arts, Miss Amelia Grant, as Public Health Nurse, was the link between the School, the Hospital outpatients and the Visiting Nurse Service. Miss Stelling, Miss Carrington and Miss Robb (Mrs. Du Mortier) also belonged to the first group of leaders, and were among those engaged in constant and intriguing debates on methods and procedures. Miss Taylor and many members of the medical staff were from Johns Hopkins. "Of course, that always counts," remarked Miss Goodrich, adding further about Miss Taylor, "I can never say how satisfied I was to see her moving around in that black silk dress. I didn't wear a uniform and was a blot on the 'scutcheon.'"

With the receiving of the Rockefeller endowment the emphasis in the philosophy of the School continued to provide that the

course should be given in the shortest possible period, that the theoretical and practical experience should be correlated, and that emphasis throughout the course should be placed on public health and on preventive medicine.

From the very beginning the task of developing the records was immense! Miss Goodrich's experience in the Education Department of New York State and knowledge of its programs of clinical nursing were all beneficial. Furthermore, to Miss Harmer, Miss Melby, educational director, and to Miss Clark, the School's invaluable registrar and recorder, went a large share of the credit for study and diligence in providing the students with essential clinical experience. Thanks are due also to the Administrative Department of Yale University for its help in evaluating students' credentials for admission.

One of the most disputed points was that of whether all students should have the same educational foundation. With the arrival of the affiliating students the responsibilities of the faculty were greatly increased; however, Miss Goodrich felt that the same philosophy should be employed in their training as was for the Yale students.

Compromises were inevitable, and to quote Miss Goodrich, who had very definite ideas on the subject, "You do have to compromise, but, if you are experts, you have to know where the point comes when you have to stand by what you see."

(To be continued)